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Dear Examiner Epps-Ford:

This is a reply to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2004 setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

The **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.